

**GROUND WATER MANAGEMENT COMMISSION
ADVISORY TASK FORCE
5TH MEETING SUMMARY
February 20, 2002**

**Prepared by:
Department of Natural Resources**

Office of Conservation

Ground Water Management Staff

SUMMARY

Call to Order

Advisory Task Force members in attendance:

Karen Gautreaux, Chairman

Herschel L. Bourque, Louisiana Ground Water Association

Patrick Credeur, Louisiana Rural Water Association

Rep. N. J. Damico, House Committee on the Environment

Dr. Rene` De Hon, University of Louisiana, Monroe, Department of Geology

Charles R. Demas, United States Geological Survey, Water Resources Division

Timothy W. Duex, University of Louisiana at Lafayette, Department of Geology.

Henry T. Graham, Jr., Louisiana Chemical Association

George Guidry, Governor's Task Force on Environmental Protection and Preservation

Bradford Hanson, Louisiana Geological Survey

Dr. Gary Hanson, LSU – Shreveport, Watershed Management Initiative

Senator Fred Hoyt, Louisiana Senate

Falcolm E. Hull, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, New Orleans District

Darwin Knochenmus, Capital Area Ground Water Conservation District

Randy Lanctot, Louisiana Wildlife Federation

Steve Levine, Association of Public Utilities

Frank Lyon, Louisiana Independent Oil and Gas Association

R. Michael Lyons, Mid-Continent Oil and Gas Association

Kyle McCann, Louisiana Farm Bureau

Dr. Fulbert L. Namwamba, Southern University, Geology Department

Jeffrey A. Nunn, L.S.U. Baton Rouge, Department of Geology

Ronald J. Rodi, P. E., Louisiana Engineering Society with Reservoir Experience

Linda Curtis Sparks, Sabine River Authority

Bradley E. Spicer, Assistant Commissioner for Soil and Water Conservation

Charles W. Stahr, Louisiana Pulp and Paper Association

Linda M. Walker, League of Women Voters, New Orleans

Michael W. Wascom, Citizens for a Clean Environment

STAFF REPORT:

Anthony Duplechin, Jr., Chief of Staff, reported that forty-five (45) well information sheets were received since the last meeting. The total number of information sheets received by the Office of Conservation is 253. Due to the Department of Natural Resources moving to a new building during January, pursuing on-line registration was placed on hold.

He reported that members of the staff attended various meetings around the state. The meetings attended include the Louisiana Ground Water Association in Alexandria, the Louisiana Environmental Health Alliance in St. Francisville and the Sparta Ground Water Conservation District in Ruston. Mr. Duplechin gave a presentation on the procedure for making an application to the Ground Water Management Commission for a critical ground water determination during the Sparta meeting. The staff also attended meetings of the Outreach Committee.

ADVISORY TASK FORCE REPORTS:

Agriculture Committee: No report

Ecology Committee: No report

Economic Development and Public Supply Committees: Eugene Owen reported the two committees will meet jointly to discuss establishing a model. The discussion will include financing, construction, and operation of alternative surface water supplies to replace or supplement ground water supplies in areas of actual or potential critical ground water conditions. The meeting will be on Tuesday, March 5, 2002 at 2:00 p.m. The location of the meeting is the 3rd floor Assembly Room in the Baton Rouge Water Company Building.

Industrial Committee: Henry Graham submitted a report on the preliminary results of a survey the committee sent to 86 major industrial users. This was a partial report since only 45 of the 86 companies responded. The survey showed that ground water usage is from approximately 200 wells. The predominant use of ground water in industry is for cooling purposes. The surface water usage by industry is approximately 93% rather than ground water as their primary source.

Surface & Ground Water and Technical Committees: No Report

Outreach Committee: Linda Walker reported the committee met on February 6, 2002 to refine short and long term goals. The committee will meet again on March 6th to finalize a recommended strategy to the Advisory Task Force. The committee plans to send a survey to the public to gather information on what type of information the public needs from the Ground Water Management Commission. Ms. Walker encouraged the Advisory Task Force members to send issues to the committee and information to the Ground Water Staff.

Policy Committee: No Report

NEW BUSINESS: The staff will recommend to the Ground Water Management Commission vote to extend the Emergency Rule until the Permanent Rule is prepared. The staff will also recommend the Commission vote to delete the requirement to gather information on Domestic and Replacement wells. The Office of Conservation will collect this information from the DOTD's database.

CONSULTANT'S REPORT: The consultant's plan to meet with several committees and industry. A draft report will be submitted to the staff in March. A report will be given to the Advisory Task Force during the March meeting. The consultants will have suggestions for the Ground Water Management Commission by the May meeting.

ADVISORY TASK FORCE COMMENTS: None

PUBLIC COMMENTS: None

NEXT MEETING: Wednesday, March 20, 2002.